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Colonel Wayne W. Grigsby Jr. currently serves as the Director of the Mission Command Center of Excellence (MC CoE), Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The MC CoE oversees the Combined Arms Center Doctrine Directorate (CADD), Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL), Capabilities Development Integration Directorate (CDID) and Army Irregular Warfare Fusion Center (AIWFC).

Colonel Grigsby's prior assignments and deployments include serving as the Director of the School of Advanced Military Studies Program at Fort Leavenworth; Chief of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command's Future Operations Cross-Functional Team in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM; Joint Operations Division Chief in the J33 Joint Staff; Commander, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, one of five surge brigades in Iraq during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, and the Big Red One Division's G3 for two years, including combat operations in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM II. He also served as Commander, 1st Battalion 26th Infantry Regiment in support of Combined Joint Task Force Kosovo and part of Army Forces Turkey, in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, XVIII Airborne Corps; and other command and staff assignments with the XVIII Airborne Corps and the 82nd Airborne Division.

Colonel Grigsby's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters) and the Douglas McArthur Leadership Award. He has earned the Expert and Combat Infantryman's Badges (second award), the Senior Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

He graduated from Salisbury State University, and earned his Master's Degrees in Military Arts and Science from the Advanced School of Military Studies (SAMS), and in National Security Strategy from Fort McNair, Washington DC. Other military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Jumpmaster Course, Command and General Staff College, Advanced Military Studies Program, and the National War College.

Colonel Grigsby is married with five children and one grandson.